THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (e) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Secretaries panel to vet new drug policy

2327. SHRI HAYAT ULLA ANSARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items captioned 'Secretaries panel to vet new drug policy' which appeared in *Business Standard* of 16th July, 1985;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that his Ministry is submitting a position paper on proposed policy to the committee secretaries based on NDPDC's report in spite of the fact that there was criticism of report by consultative Committee and experts group;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has already announced 50 per cent of the policy by delicensing 94 per cent of the policy by delicensing 94 bulk drugs;

(d) what were the basis of announcing delicensing policy when NDPDC's report is under examination;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government are reconsidering the decision about delicensing; and

(f) if so, by when the outcome will be known?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Government would take a decision on the changes/modifications needed in the Drug Policy keeping in view all the relevant factors and various view points.

(c) and (d) Government issued a press note on 16th March, 1985 delicensing 12 bulk drugs and intermediates for non-FERA and non-MRTP companies. 82 additional bulk drugs were further delicensed on 5th June, 1985. Delicensing was done to simplify the licensing procedure and does not depart in any way from the parameters of 1978 Policy.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Procurement of Erythomycin

2328. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Abbott procured Erythomycin and its salts at much cheaper prices than the prices at which their formulation prices were fixed;

(b) what was the price of the drug on the basis of which their formulation prices were fixed;

(c) what was the quantity of Erythomycin and its salts was procured by Abbott during the last three years, year-wise alongwith source and price per kg. of procurement of each purchase;

(d) what are the names of the formulation being manufactured and marketed by this company based on this drug; and

(e) what is the sales turnover of Erythomycin and its salts formulations of this company during the last three years, year-wise and what is the percentage to total sale?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (e) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Foreign equity of Glaxo

2329. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when M/s. Glaxo had reduced the foreign equity and what is the present equity;